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Subject: RE: Data Quality Review

Thanks for this clarification Brandon. Yes, ADEC has been actively involved in the development of the method and approved the standard operating procedure for each of the laboratories running the samples for Flint Hills. In addition, we have review process for the laboratory reports as they come in to identify any problems or variances from the approved method.

This process should be documented in Flint Hills Site Characterization report that will be out soon.

Any word on the PPRTV value?

Thanks,

Ann

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Subject: Data Quality Review

Hi Ann

I spoke with the folks at HQ in the Site Assessment and Remedy Decisions Branch, about using non-EPA data and the quality review/check that is conducted for should it be used to propose a site on the NPL.

Specifically I asked them about using non-EPA approved methods. I misspoke on the call last week. While EPA approved methods are preferred they are not required. I looked on the sharepoint at the SOPs of the methods the labs are using. They appear to be a modification of EPA SW-846 8260. We just need to make sure whatever method has been used is stated and a copy of the method is available for reference should any questions come up about the method. They also mentioned that if some authority has approved the use of the method that is helpful as well. Was ADEC the agency to develop and approve the use of the modified sulfolane methods? They also mentioned in the past other Regions have even used data from research paper methods to assess and score sites. So I think we should be ok with the modified EPA 8260.

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